

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 14-20 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 14 and 15 are amended. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found, for example, in paragraph [0032] of the specification. No new matter is added. Claims 7-13 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in those claims. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the drawings as allegedly failing to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicants respectfully disagree. Specifically, when the first and second anchor bolts are attached, a removably attachable anchor bolt may look similar as a non-removably attachable anchor bolt. Because this may be the case, the specification makes it clear that the first and second anchor bolts illustrated in the figures may be removably attached (see paragraphs [0011] and [0013]). Thus, the drawings show this feature recited in the claims, as evidenced by the specification.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 7, 8 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,644,885 to Eischeid. The rejection of canceled claims 7, 8 and 13 is moot. The rejection of the remaining claims is respectfully traversed.

Eischeid fails to disclose a composite anchor bolt where at least a second anchor bolt and a connecting part are integrally molded, as recited in independent claims 1 and 14.

Eischeid discloses an anchor bolt 16 that is fastened to an anchor hook 17, for example, through welding (see col. 8, lines 7-9). A securing bolt 12 includes a socket locking screw 24 which engages the anchor hook 17 (see col. 7, line 17 to col. 8, line 31). Further, the thickness of the anchor hook 17 is selected so that it engages with a slight axial play between the head 24' of the socket locking screw 24 and the rear side 11" of the facing panel

11 (see col. 8, lines 32-35). However, the disclosed welding of the anchor bolt 16 to the anchor hook 17 and the engagement of the anchor hook 17 to the socket locking screw 24 with a slight axial play do not correspond to at least a second anchor bolt and a connecting part being integrally molded.

Thus, Eischeid fails to disclose the features of independent claims 1 and 14.

Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 14 are patentable over Eischeid at least for the reasons discussed above, as well as for the additional features that these claims recite. For example, claim 1 recites that the second anchor bolt is located in a radial center of the connecting part, and claim 14 recites that the first anchor bolt is placed at an edge of the connecting part. As described, for example, in paragraphs [0036] and [0037] of the specification, when the second anchor bolt is provided at the central section of the connecting part and the first anchor bolt is provided at a point in the circumference, the effects of a tensile force acting on the first anchor bolt are mitigated. None of the figures of Eischeid illustrate these features, and the specification of Eischeid fails to disclose either a second anchor bolt located in a radial center of a connecting part, or a first anchor bolt placed at an edge of the connecting part.

Claims 2, 3 and 15 depend from independent claims 1 and 14, and are, therefore, also patentable over Eischeid at least for the dependence, as well as for the additional features that these claims recite.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 4 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Eischeid in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,604,899 to Kubler et al. (Kubler). The Office Action rejects claims 5, 6, 10, 11, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Eischeid. The Office Action rejects claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Eischeid in view of U.S. Patent No. 1,500,870 to

Holdredge. The rejections of canceled claims 9-12 are moot. These rejections of the remaining claims are respectfully traversed.

Claims 4-6, 19 and 20 depend from independent claim 1. Kubler and Holdredge fail to overcome the deficiencies of independent claim 1 discussed above. Thus, claims 4-6, 19 and 20 are patentable over Eischeid, Kubler and Holdredge at least for the dependence, as well as for the additional features that claims 4-6, 19 and 20 recite.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 16 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 7,475,518 to Suehiro in view of Eischeid. The Office Action rejects claim 17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Suehiro in view of Eischeid and further in view of Kubler. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Suehiro does not qualify as prior art with respect to claims 16-18.

The Suehiro reference was filed in the U.S. on January 26, 2005, and claims priority to U.S. Application No. 10/321,466 filed on December 18, 2002 and published June 24, 2004. This application claims priority to PCT/JP2005/11747 filed August 16, 2004, and JP 2004-194241 filed June 30, 2004. Accordingly, the Suehiro reference may qualify as prior art only under §102(a) and/or §102(e).

Morio Suehiro is the sole inventor of U.S. Patent No. 7,475,518 (the Suehiro reference). Morio Suehiro is also the sole inventor of claims 16-18 of this application (see the attached Declaration of Morio Suehiro).

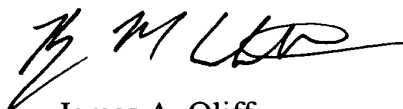
Because Morio Suehiro is the sole inventor of both claims 16-18 of this application and U.S. Patent No. 7,475,518, the disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 7,475,518 was not before the invention by the applicant under §102(a) and §102(e). Accordingly, the Suehiro reference does not qualify as prior art with respect to claims 16-18.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 16-18 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-6 and 14-20 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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